

Charles F. Dinkle House  
805 Lexington Avenue  
First Ward Neighborhood  
Altoona  
Blair County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: 805 Lexington Avenue

Date of Erection: 1872

Description: This two-and-a-half-story house, measuring 24' x 22'-6", is wood frame with novelty siding. There is a wood-shingled mansard roof across the front, with three gable dormers. There are paired brackets at the cornice. The four-bay front has a one-story gable porch (added later), with triangular shingles in the gable and paneled box columns.

History: This house was constructed in 1872 when Charles F. Dinkle, a cabinetmaker, purchased a 25'-wide lot from Joseph Stouffer, who lived next door at No. 803. Dinkle was taxed for a house here in 1873, and in 1876 sold it to Jeremiah Weston for \$1,800. Weston, a carpenter, lived here until his death in 1916. Weston and his wife, Annie, had five children. His daughter, Blanche, who was listed as a dressmaker in 1900 and a clerk in 1931, lived here until the 1930s.

Sources: Maps: 1882, 1894. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 28/613, 34/500, 784/501. U.S. Census, 1880, 1900.

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